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SUBJECT: WIDE PRESS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S VISIT TO UK

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENT TREATMENT PAST
SEVERAL DAYS TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO UK.
BASING ITS REPORTS ON GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
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RELEASES, PRESS CHARACTERIZED VISIT AS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL
AND REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT WAS WELL RECEIVED BY UK OFFICIALS
AND OPPOSITION LEADERS AND WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED
BY GREEK CYPRIOTS IN LONDON.

2. ON SUBSTANTIVE SIDE, PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN
WAS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID IN A TOAST TO KYPRIANOU

THAT CURRENT TURKISH PROPOSALS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS A BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. CALLAGHAN WAS ALSO QUOTED AS HAVING SAID IN MEETING WITH KYPRIANOU THAT BRITAIN DID NOT CONTEMPLATE GIVING UP ITS BASES IN CYPRUS BUT THAT IN THE EVENT OF THE BASES BEING ABANDONED, THEY WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE CYPRUS REPUBLIC (PRESUMABLY MEANING THE GOC). IN SAME CONVERSATION CALLAGHAN REPORTEDLY SAID UK CONTINUED TO RECOGNIZE ITS ROLE AS GUARANTOR POWER AND THAT 1960 LONDON-ZURICH AGREEMENTS CONTINUED TO BE VALID IN ALL THEIR PROVISIONS. (WE WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY LONDON'S COMMENTS ON ACCURACY OF THESE REPORTS.)

3. JUNE 25 TURKISH CYPRIOT PAPER BOZKURT EDITORIALIZED THAT BRITISH WERE LOSING NO OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE THEIR PRO-GREEK ATTITUDE BY INVITING KYPRIANOU IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. HONORING KYPRIANOU IN THIS WAY CONSTITUTED A COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR THE REALITIES OF CYPRUS, WAS INCONSISTENT WITH BRITAIN'S ROLE AS A GUARANTOR POWER AND FURTHER ENCOURAGED GREEK CYPRIOT INTRANSIGENCE. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT BRITISH INTERESTS CALL FOR MAINTENANCE OF POLITICAL UNREST AND NON-SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.
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